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KIDDERMINSTER

Rural District Council.

ANNUAL REPORT

For the Year ended December 31st, 1907

To the Chairman and Members of the Rural District Council.

GENTLEMEN,

The number of Births registered in the District during the year is 225, and the birth rate 22·27. The average number for the past ten years is 243·7 and the average rate 24·6.

The number of deaths registered is 128, and the death rate 12·68. The average number for the past ten years is 128, and the average rate 12·68.

SICKNESS.—35 cases of Scarlet Fever have been notified—1 from Kidderminster Foreign, 7 from the Wolverley district, 21 from the Chaddeley district, and 6 from the Wribbenhall district; of these 35 cases 14 have been removed to the Infectious Hospital—1 of them from the Foreign, 4 from Wolverley, 5 from Chaddeley, and 4 from Wribbenhall.

Five cases of Diphtheria have been notified: one from the Foreign, one from the Wolverley district, two from the Chaddeley district, and one from the Wribbenhall district.

Nine cases of Erysipelas have been notified—three from the Foreign, three from the Wolverley district, and three from the Wribbenhall district.

There have been four cases of Enteric Fever—two in the Wolverley district, one in the Chaddeley district, and 1 in the Wribbenhall district.

A case of Puerperal Fever was notified from Arley. As I have stated in previous reports, the Inspector visits all cases of infectious disease on receipt of the notification, and investigates their surroundings, giving instructions regarding precautions against spreading infection, supplying disinfectants, and if necessary superintending fumigation, etc., himself. He at once reports full

particulars to me, and no cases are removed to the Hospital without my instructions. At the termination of the illness, or after a case has been removed to the Hospital, he informs me what has been done in the way of disinfection, whitewashing, cleaning of rooms, etc. He also keeps me fully informed of all the important details of his work.

Cases of Anthrax have occurred at Upper Arley, Rushock, Blackstone, Shatterford (two cases), Gorst Hall, and Chaddeley, and in one instance magisterial proceedings were taken on account of the occupier's failure to report, and in this case also the farmer, contrary to instructions, turned milch cows into the pasture where the animals had recently died. The Inspector of Police found them there, and informed me, and in a special report to the Local Government Board and to your Council I gave a statement of the action which I took in the matter. In all these cases the carcasses have been cremated as soon as possible, infected litter has been burnt, sheds limewashed, and all animals isolated which had been exposed to infection, also the occupier has been warned to keep a careful watch upon the health of any persons who have handled the carcasses.

I have systematically visited the various portions of my district, and in September in company with your Inspector made a house to house visitation of Wolverley Village.

In accordance with the instructions of the Local Government Board, I will give the following additional particulars of my work in the district.

FEB. 6th.—After visiting Pound Green, I called Inspector's attention to some foul middens and faulty drains.

FEB. 15th.—I visited Bradford Cottages, where the Inspector reported gross overcrowding, accompanied by great filth, and the buildings dilapidated and unfit for habitation, and I advised him as to what steps should be taken in the matter.

FEB. 27th.—I called Inspector's attention to foul pigstyes in Connaught Avenue. In this month also the Inspector and I together visited the various houses in Whispering-street, Wribbenhall, finding the closets filthy and with dilapidated roofs, spouting defective, insufficient drainage, and a dangerously dilapidated wall in one yard. In another yard insufficient closet accommodation for the inmates and overcrowding in one of the houses. Sanitary notices were served accordingly.

IN MARCH I directed Inspector's attention to filthy and offensive premises in Austcliffe Lane, Cookley, and to a filthy ditch by the roadside at Franche. Sanitary notices were served in both cases.

IN APRIL, in consequence of a complaint, I visited a field at Wolverley where the tenant had deposited, near to the public road and within a short distance of the Hill and the Wolverley Grammar

School, a quantity of fish refuse and other offal, which was horribly offensive, and I requested the Inspector to serve a notice for the immediate abatement of this dangerous nuisance, forbidding the tenant to make any further deposit of this nature without properly covering the same at once with quicklime or soil.

IN JUNE I called Inspector's attention to cottages at the Sladd, where the privy ashpit was dilapidated, a dumbwell with dangerously defective cover was close to the house, and the paving in front of the house and the flooring of the bedroom defective; also to an offensive accumulation of manure and rotting cabbages near to the public road.

JULY 18th.—I received notification of a case of Enteric Fever at a farm in Wolverley district where the tenant kept a number of milch cows. I visited the farm the same afternoon, and gave directions that no milk should be brought to the dairy adjoining the house, but that all milk should be distributed from the shed on the other side of the fold-yard, and that no person going near the patient should have anything to do with the milk in any way. The privy-midden had no roof, and was over full. Some excreta from the patient had been recently thrown in. Orders were given to empty this and cart it on to the land the same night, and to have it ploughed in. The house drains were untrapped and flowing into a pond in the fold-yard, and in the dairy was an untrapped drain communicating directly with a dumbwell outside. Notices were served upon the owner to have each drain inlet properly trapped, to divert the drainage from the fold-yard into a properly constructed dumbwell a sufficient distance from the dwelling house, to seal up the drain opening in the dairy or provide a proper intercepting chamber and ventilator; also to provide a proper roof and door to the midden pit. The excreta to be buried in a freshly made trench, and the cowsheds to be limewashed. These directions were carried out.

IN JULY, in consequence of complaints from Dr. Johnston, I made a special visit to Wribbenhall to view the deposits on Severn Side and objectionable accumulations in Habberley Road and in the neighbourhood of Gray Green. I am thankful that arrangements have been made for scavenging in this locality; such a system has been urgently needed for years.

AUGUST 23rd.—I called Inspector's attention to a choked drain and dilapidated gutter and paving at Portway Place, also to choked drains and offensive accumulations in the Beehive Yard.

SEPT. 18th.—When visiting Stone Schools in connection with an outbreak of Measles, I found the school privies and urinal in a very foul condition; the cesspit between the closets had its drain stopped up and stank horribly, and urine was flowing all over the floor of the urinal and on to the path outside. The Inspector called the attention of the Managers to these matters.

OCT. 16th.—I called Inspector's attention to Smith's buildings Spencer Street. The closets are filthy and dilapidated, and there is a foul ditch at the back of them. Welsbury had been carting night soil on to the gardens, which are close to the back of the houses, and the inmates complain of the stench from two large heaps of this filth. The Inspector served notices upon the owner to put the closets in proper order and cleanse the ditch, and upon Welsbury to put the night soil under ground at once and abstain from depositing any more on this ground. He has since again given trouble in this respect, and has been threatened with magisterial proceedings.

OCT. 22nd.—Having received information from the Blakedown School Mistress that a child from Hackman's Gate, attending the school, had symptoms of Scarlet Fever, I went over the same afternoon and examined the child, whose symptoms I did not think were due to Scarlet Fever; but, as a precaution, I visited the child's home, and directed that he should be kept away from school for the present, and told the Mistress not to receive him as long as there was any appearance of desquamation about his fingers. When visiting Chaddeley in connection with the case of Enteric Fever, notified November 1st, I was informed that there was no proper supply of drinking water for the elder scholars, only one for the infants, and that the elder children were in the habit of drinking from a soft-water cistern. I requested the Inspector to call upon the Trustees to provide a proper supply of pure water, and to request the owner of the soft-water cistern, and the School Master, to prohibit the children from drinking from this cistern.

The Bakehouses and Slaughterhouses in the district have been regularly visited, and found, as a rule, in good order. In one instance I requested Inspector to deal with insanitary conditions. Over-crowding has been found in five instances, and satisfactorily dealt with.

The Water Supply has been well maintained, and the Inspector has given you in his report details of the instances in which he has had to interfere on account of local temporary deficiency.

I have visited the Factories, and found at one of them the closets and urinal foul, and defective pans; and at another one, closets arranged for males and females contiguous, and without any proper screen between them, or a separate approach for the sexes. Both these conditions have been remedied.

The following schools have been closed during the year:—Cookley, in February, July and November, on account of Whooping Cough, Measles, and Mumps; Wolverley, in February and October, on account of Measles each time; Foley Park, in February, on account of Measles and Whooping Cough; Franche, in March, on account of Measles; Trimpey, in November, on account of Mumps

and Chicken-pox ; Stone, in September, on account of Measles ; Harvington, in October, from the same cause ; Broadwaters, in November, on account of Measles and Mumps.

I am glad to know that an agreement has been arrived at with the Urban Sanitary Authority for the Drainage of the Whitville area, and hope that this will be carried out with as little delay as possible.

There is greater need that the more insanitary area of Sutton Common, including Foley Park, should be provided with efficient drainage, and I trust a way will be found for dealing with these in the very near future. With the exception of these areas, the district is, and has been during the year, in a good sanitary condition.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

E. H. ADDENBROOKE.

TABLE 1.—VITAL STATISTICS OF WHOLE DISTRICT DURING THE YEAR 1907, AND PREVIOUS YEARS.
KIDDERMINSTER RURAL DISTRICT.

YEAR.	Population estimated to middle of each year.	BIRTHS.		DEATHS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE		DEATHS AT ALL AGES.		DEATHS IN PUBLIC INSTITU- TIONS IN THE DISTRICT.	Deaths of Non- residents registered in Public Institutions in the District.	Deaths of Residents registered in Public Institutions beyond District.	NETT DEATHS AT ALL AGES BELONGING TO THE DISTRICT.	
		Number.	Rate.*	Number	Rate per 1000 Births registered.	Number	Rate.*				Number	Rate.*
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1897	10200	213	20·88	29	136·15	117	11·47	2	2	...	115	11·27
1898	10100	232	22·7	17	73·28	110	10·78	...	...	...	110	10·78
1899	10100	268	26·27	26	97·01	128	12·55	2	2	...	126	12·35
1900	10200	252	24·72	37	146·8	146	14·31	...	...	...	146	14·3
1901	10100	251	24·8	28	111·5	134	13·3	1	1	...	133	13·3
1902	10100	246	24·3	29	117·9	135	13·35	7	7	10	138	13·5
1903	10100	236	23·3	23	97·03	127	12·53	26	21	22	128	12·6
1904	10100	254	25·1	30	118·1	130	12·8	6	6	14	138	13·5
1905	10100	240	23·7	20	83·3	135	13·3	1	1	13	147	14·5
1906	10100	245	24·25	20	81·6	118	11·68	...	...	11	129	12·7
Averages for years 1897-1906		243·7	24·6	25·9	103·55	128	12·68	4·5	4	7	134	12·7
1907	10100	225	22·27	18	80	128	12·68	...	...	17	145	14·35

*Rates in Columns 4, 8 and 13, calculated per 1000 of estimated population.

Area of District in Acres (exclusive of area covered by water), 32,935.

Total population at all ages at Census of 1901, 10,111; Number of inhabited houses, 2260; Average number of persons per house, 4·47. Institutions within the District receiving sick and infirm persons from outside the District—Kidderminster Borough Infectious Hospital.

Institutions outside the District receiving sick and infirm persons from the District—Kidderminster Union Workhouse, Kidderminster Infirmary and Children's Hospital.

Is the Union Workhouse within the District? No.

(TABLE II). VITAL STATISTICS of separate Localities in 1907 and previous years.

Kidderminster Rural District.

Names of Localities.	1				2				3				4			
	KIDDERMINSTER FOREIGN.				WOLVERLEY.				CHADDESLEY CORBETT.				WRIBBENHALL.			
Year.	Population estimated to middle of each year.	Births registered.	Deaths at all Ages.	Deaths under one year.	Population estimated to middle of each year.	Births registered.	Deaths at all Ages.	Deaths under one year.	Population estimated to middle of each year.	Births registered.	Deaths at all Ages.	Deaths under one year.	Population estimated to middle of each year.	Births registered.	Deaths at all Ages.	Deaths under one year.
1897	2831	84	33	6	2751	56	24	5	2334	59	38	16	2117	17	22	2
1898	2998	62	32	5	2751	52	30	6	2334	63	25	3	2117	55	23	3
1899	2998	70	36	7	2751	81	34	8	2334	75	30	6	2117	42	28	5
1900	2998	69	30	12	2751	69	51	11	2334	60	33	8	2117	54	32	6
1901	3064	83	33	10	2751	64	43	10	2209	56	30	7	2083	47	28	1
1902	3064	79	34	7	2755	62	28	6	2210	62	34	11	2083	43	39	5
1903	3060	63	33	6	2750	77	44	8	2210	54	28	3	2080	42	23	6
1904	3060	77	42	8	2750	70	31	6	2210	57	33	14	2080	50	32	2
1905	3060	76	38	7	2750	64	47	7	2210	58	36	4	2080	42	26	2
1906	3060	71	32	4	2750	63	22	5	2210	61	32	6	2080	50	32	5
Averages of years 1897 to 1906.	2962.9	73.4	34.3	7.2	2751.4	65.8	34.4	7.2	2243.3	59.6	32.9	7.8	2112.8	44.4	28.5	3.7
1907	3060	72	35	3	2750	57	39	7	2210	52	24	4	2080	44	30	4

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TABLE III.—CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE NOTIFIED DURING THE YEAR 1907.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE.		CASES NOTIFIED IN WHOLE DISTRICT.							TOTAL CASES NOTIFIED IN EACH LOCALITY.				No. OF CASES REMOVED TO HOSPITAL FROM EACH LOCALITY.				Total Cases Removed to Hospital.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																								
		At Ages—Years.							Kidderminster Foreign.	Wolverley.	Chaddesley Corbett.	Wribbenhall.	Kidderminster Foreign.	Wolverley.	Chaddesley Corbett.	Wribbenhall.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																									
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Small-pox

H.—Kidderminster Borough Infectious Hospital, Stourport Road, Kidde minster.

KIDDERMINSTER RURAL DISTRICT.

TABLE IV.—CAUSES OF, AND AGES AT, DEATH DURING YEAR 1907.

CAUSES OF DEATH		DEATHS AT THE SUBJOINED AGES OF "RESIDENTS," WHETHER OCCURRING IN OR BEYOND THE DISTRICT.							DEATHS AT ALL AGES OF "RESIDENTS BELONGING TO LOCALITIES, WHETHER OCCURRING IN OR BEYOND THE DISTRICT."				Total Deaths - Residents "or "Non-Residents" in Public Institutions in the District.
		All Ages.	Under 1.	1 and under 5.	5 and under 15.	15 and under 25.	25 and under 65.	65 and upwards.	Kidderminster Foreign	Wolverley.	Chaddesley. Corbett.	Wribbenhall.	
1		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Small-pox ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Measles ..	..	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..
Scarlet Fever ..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..
Whooping Cough ..	..	6	3	3	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	2	..
Enteric Fever ..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Epidemic Influenza ..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	4	1	1	1	1	..
Diarrhoea ..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	..
Enteritis ..	..	2	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..
Phthisis, (Pulmonary Tuberculosis)	..	5	..	..	..	1	4	..	..	2	2	1	..
Other Tubercular Diseases	..	2	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	..
Cancer, Malignant disease	..	12	..	..	..	..	6	6	4	2	2	4	..
Bronchitis ..	..	23	4	2	..	1	1	15	7	7	4	5	..
Pneumonia ..	..	5	..	..	..	..	1	4	3	1	1	..	..
Pleurisy ..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Alcoholism (Cirrhosis of Liver)	..	3	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	1	1	1	..
Premature Birth ..	..	5	5	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	2	..	..
Diseases & accidents of parturition	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..
Heart Diseases ..	..	8	..	..	..	..	4	4	4	3	..	1	..
Accidents ..	..	4	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	1	1	2	..
Suicides ..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..
All other causes ..	..	57	4	2	1	1	8	41	17	19	11	10	..
All causes ..	..	145	18	11	2	5	33	76	42	43	29	31	..

KIDDERMINSTER RURAL DISTRICT.

TABLE V.—INFANTILE MORTALITY DURING THE YEAR, 1907.

Deaths from stated causes in Weeks and Months under One Year of Age.

CAUSE OF DEATH.		Under 1 Week.	1-2 Weeks.	2-3 Weeks.	3-4 Weeks.	Total under 1 Month.	1-2 Months.	2-3 Months.	3-4 Months.	4-5 Months.	5-6 Months.	6-7 Months.	7-8 Months.	8-9 Months.	9-10 Months.	10-11 Months.	11-12 Months.	Total Deaths under One Year
All Causes.	Certified ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Uncertified	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Common Infectious Diseases	Small Pox ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
	Measles ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
	Whooping Cough ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	3
Diarrhoeal Diseases.	Enteritis: Muco-enteritis, } Gastro-enteritis.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
	Gastritis: Gastro-intestinal } Catarrh ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
	Immature Birth ..	2	2	1	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wasting Diseases.	Congenital Defects ..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
	Want of Breast-milk, Starvation ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Other Causes.	Convulsions ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
	Bronchitis ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	3
TOTAL..		2	3	1	..	6	1	1	..	1	2	2	..	..	1	1	2	11

Population. Estimated to middle of 1907, 10,100.
Deaths from all Causes at all ages, 128.

Births in the year—legitimate, 219; illegitimate, 6.
Deaths in the year of—legitimate infants, 17; illegitimate infants, 1.

KIDDERMINSTER RURAL DISTRICT.

FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS, LAUNDRIES, WORK-PLACES AND HOMEWORK.

1-INSPECTION.

Including Inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors or Inspectors of Nuisances

PREMISES.	NUMBER OF		
	INSPECTIONS.	WRITTEN NOTICES.	PROSECUTIONS.
FACTORIES (Including Factory Laundries)	17 No Factory Laundries	None	None
WORKSHOPS (Including Workshop Laundries)	78	5	„
WORKPLACES	1	None	„
TOTAL	96	5	None

2-DEFECTS FOUND.

PARTICULARS.	NUMBER OF DEFECTS.			NUMBER OF PROSECUTIONS.
	FOUND	REMEDIED	REFERRED TO H.M. INSPECTOR.	
<i>Nuisances under the Public Health Acts :—</i>				
Want of Cleanliness	4	4	None	None
Sanitary accommodations { insufficient	None	None	..	..
{ unsuitable or defective	None	None	..	..
{ not separate for sexes	1	1	1	..
<i>Offences under the Factory and Workshop Acts :—</i>				
Illegal occupation of Underground Bakehouse ..	None	None	..	..
TOTAL	5	5	1	None

3-HOME WORK.

Lists of Outworkers. Received—Tailoress—Making Wearing Apparel, 1.
Number of Inspections of Outworkers' Premises—None.

4-REGISTERED WORKSHOPS.

Workshops on the Register at the end of the year :— Tailors, 2 ; Wheelwright, 1 ; Blacksmiths, 13 ; Builder and Coffin Maker, 1 ; Carpenters and Joiners, 6 ; Blacksmith and Wheelwright, 1 ; Carpenters, 2 ; Wheelwrights and Coffin Makers, 2 ; Dressmakers, 5 ; Tailor and Draper, 1 ; Builder and Carpenter, 1 ; Bakers, 13 ; Bootmakers, 5 ; Painter, 1 ; Builder and Contractor, 1 ; Iron Roof Maker and Carpenter, 1 ; Laundries, 4 ; Cattle Crib and Fowlhouse Maker, 1 ; Photographer, 1 ; Dress and Curtain Makers, 2 ; Saddlers and Carpenters and Coffin Makers, 2—*Total, 66.*

5-OTHER MATTERS.

Matters notified to H.M. Inspector of Factories—*One.*
Failure to affix Abstract of the Factory and Workshop Act—*Two.*
Action taken in matters referred by H.M. Inspector as remediable under the Public Health Acts, but not under the Factory and Workshop Act ;
Approaches for the Separation of Sexes, *One.*
No underground Bakehouses.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

INSPECTOR OF NUISANCES.

KIDDERMINSTER,

JANUARY 6TH, 1908.

*To the Chairman and Members of the Kidderminster
Rural District Council.*

Gentlemen,

I beg leave to present my twenty-third Annual Report, being that for the year ending December 31st, 1907.

The number of sanitary notices served was 286, as against 276 last year ; an increase of 10.

The notices related to 183 nuisances, as against 179 last year ; increase, 4.

DESCRIPTION OF NUISANCES DEALT WITH.

Foul and offensive privy ashpits	...	...	88
Accumulations	...	...	20
Offensive swine	...	...	4
Foul or unwholesome dwelling houses	...	...	9
Defective and overflowing dumbwells	...	...	14
Defective drainage	...	...	13
Want of proper water supplies	...	...	7
Defective covering to well	...	...	2
Dilapidated privy ashpit	...	...	3
Overcrowding cases	...	...	5
Defective sink drain	...	...	1
Defective W.C. spouting and roof	...	...	1
Dilapidated building	...	...	1
Offensive ditch	...	...	1
Foul and offensive cesspools	...	...	3
Defective water closet	...	...	1
Foul and offensive pan closets	2
Want of proper ashpit	1
Miscellaneous nuisances	7

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THE INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFICATION ACT, 1889.

Under this Act certificates have been received from the Medical Officer of Health relating to the following cases, which total 54, as against 41 last year ; increase, 13.

In the CHADDESLEY CORBETT District, comprising the parishes of Chaddesley Corbett, Stone, Broom, and Rushock :

Scarlet Fever,	21	...	last year,	11	...	increase,	10
Diphtheria,	2	...	„	0	...	„	2
Enteric Fever	1	...	„	0	...	„	1
Erysipelas	0	...	„	4	...	decrease,	4
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Total	24	...	„	15	..	increase,	9

—Of the Scarlet Fever cases eight occurred in Chaddesley village, one, Lower Chaddesley ; two, Clattercut Lane ; two, Pleremore House ; two, Outwood ; two, Rushock ; three, Drayton ; one, Bellington Mill house. Of the Diphtheria cases one was at Rushock, one, Mill Lane, Hoobrook. The Enteric case was at Chaddesley village.

The removals to the Borough Infectious Hospital by instruction of the Medical Officer of Health were :—Rushock, 1 ; Outwood 1 ; Lower Chaddesley, 1 ; Chaddesley village, 2 ; total 5. Last year, 1 ; increase, 4. There was no infectious disease reported from Broom parish.

The WRIBBENHALL District, comprising Ribbesford, Dowles Upper Arley and Wribbenhall :—

Scarlet Fever,	6	...	last year,	6.
Erysipelas,	3	...	„	2 ... increase, 1
Enteric Fever,	1	...	„	0 ... increase, 1
Diphtheria,	1	...	„	1
Puerperal Fever,	1	...	„	0 ... increase, 1
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Total,	12	...	„	9 ... increase. 3

—Of the Scarlet Fever cases two occurred at Wribbenhall ; one, Dowles ; one, Arley village ; two, Lane Farm, Arley. Erysipelas, three, Wribbenhall. Enteric Fever, one, Wribbenhall. Puerperal Fever, one, Lane Farm. Diphtheria, one, Wribbenhall.

One of the fever cases at Lane Farm proved fatal. No infectious case reported from Ribbesford.

Removed to the Borough Infectious Hospital : Wribbenhall, 1 ; Stourport Road (Infirmary case), 1 ; Arley, 1. Last year, 0 ; increase, 3.

WOLVERLEY District, comprising the parishes of Wolverley and Churchill :—

Scarlet Fever,	7	...	last year,	1	...	increase,	6
Erysipelas,	3	...	„	3			
Diphtheria,	1	...	„	1			
Enteric,	2	...	„	0	...	increase,	2
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Total,	13			5		increase,	8

—Of the Scarlet Fever cases, four occurred at Churchill; two Wolverley; one, Cookley. Erysipelas cases, one, Wolverley; two, Cookley. Diphtheria, one, Wolverley. Enteric Fever, two, Wolverley.

Removed to Borough Infectious Hospital: Wolverley, 2; Churchill, 2. Last year, 0; increase, 4.

THE FOREIGN OF KIDDERMINSTER :—

Scarlet Fever,	1	...	last year,	8	...	decrease,	7
Erysipelas,	3	...	„	3	...		
Enteric Fever	0	...	„	1	...	decrease,	1
Diphtheria	1	...	„	0	...	increase,	1
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Total,	5			12		—decrease,	7

—The Scarlet Fever case occurred in Franche Road. Erysipelas one, Trimpley; one, Whitville; one, Puxton Lane. Diphtheria, one, Springbrook House.

Removed to Borough Infectious Hospital: Franche Road, one. Last year, five; decrease, four.

THE BOROUGH INFECTIOUS HOSPITAL.

Twelve cases were removed into the Borough Infectious Hospital as against six last year; also one Infirmary case, residing at Stourport Road, Wribbenhall.

THE PUBLIC HEALTH WATER ACT.

Under sec. 6, c. 35 of the above Act only one notice was served. This was at a residence at Brockencote, Chaddesley. A sample of water was sent to the County Analyst, who certified that it was fit for drinking purposes, and a certificate was granted by the Council. Two new houses have been erected in the Foreign of Kidderminster, as against 14 last year; decrease, 12. The new houses have the town water laid on. At Wolverley a malt house has been converted into four cottages, which have an available supply of water. No new houses have been erected in Wribbenhall, Churchill, Stone, Broom, or Dowles.

DISINFECTION.

In all cases of infectious disease a plentiful supply of disinfectants is given, and fumigation, whitewashing, and cleansing are ordered, and reports of each case sent to the Medical Officer of Health, who visits each case.

DAIRIES, MILKSHOPS, AND COWSHEDS.

The above have had my surveillance from time to time, and cleansing and whitewashing have been done, except in a few instances, when notices were issued and the neglect remedied. One name has been added to the Register during the year.

BAKEHOUSES AND SLAUGHTERHOUSES.

These have been regularly inspected, both by the Medical Officer and myself, and found clean and satisfactory, except in a few instances, which were remedied after notices served. There are no underground bakehouses in the district.

SYSTEMATIC INSPECTION.

This is regularly carried out in all parts of the district.

CANAL BOATS ACTS AND REGULATIONS.

Boats inspected 132, last year 121; increase, 11. Visits to the canal, 63; visits and saw no boats, 18. Boats conforming to Acts and regulations, 126. Boats with one or more infringements, 6. Boats left outstanding, 0. Persons found on boats—males 280, females 4, children 3.

The infringements of the regulations consisted of: Breach of Marking Act, 1; absence of registration certificate, 1; water vessels of insufficient capacity, 4.

I again certify to the general improvement and good condition of the boats coming under my inspection. Out of 132 boats inspected only six infringed the regulations.

BYELAWS RELATING TO NUISANCES.

Two breaches of these byelaws came under my notice, and were remedied.

CLOSING OF SCHOOLS.

The following schools have been closed on Medical Officer's order, signed by two members of the Council, during the year:—Infant School, Cookley, from Feb. 4th to 25th, through Whooping Cough. Infant School, Wolverley, from Feb. 18th to March 4th, Whooping Cough. Infant Schools, Foley Park, from Feb. 19th to March 5th, Whooping Cough and Measles. The Mixed Schools, Foley Park, Feb. 28th to March 16th, Measles. Infant School, Foley Park, March 2nd to 16th, Measles. Franche School, March 11th to 25th, Measles. Cookley Schools, July 9th

to July 30th, Measles. Stone School, Sept. 19th to October 6th, Measles. Stone again, from October 6th to October 21st, through Measles. Infant School, Wolverley, Oct. 10th to 31st, Measles. Mixed Schools, Wolverley, Oct. 15th to 31st, Measles. Harvington Roman Catholic School, Oct. 15th to Nov. 4th, Measles. Infant School, Wolverley, Nov. 4th to 18th, Measles. Infant School, Broadwaters, Nov. 4th to 25th, through Mumps. Trimp-ley School, Nov. 14th to Dec. 2nd, Mumps and Chicken Pox. Mixed and Infant Schools, Cookley, Nov. 20th to Dec. 9th, Measles. Broadwaters School, Nov. 26th to Dec. 9th, Measles. Cookley Mixed and Infants, Dec. 9th to 24th, Measles. Broadwaters School, Dec. 9th to 20th, Measles and Mumps.

SPECIAL INSPECTIONS.

On Feb. 9th, inspection of Franche Road *re* complaint of Kidderminster Foreign Parish Council. April 11th, investigated alleged pollution of a stream at Broom from sewage works at Clent. In July inspected Brinton Park pool, in company with Dr. Bertram Addenbrooke and Mr. Shepherd, Surveyor, *re* complaint of parish Council. August 4th, inspection at Arley village on the complaint of Rev. W. Lea; defective drain inlets altered and ventilating shafts put in by Council. August 30th, inspection. with County Medical Officer of Health, of Stourport Road, Wribbenhall; 35 houses inspected. Sept. 23rd, with Dr. Addenbrooke, house to house inspection at Wolverley village. Dec. 16th and 17th, inspection of Catchem's End and Wribbenhall houses and two schools, 306 in all. Dumbwells, 79; privy ashpits, 37; pan closets, 145; ashpits, 51; total, 312.

ANTHRAX IN CATTLE.

During the year there have been several cases of Anthrax amongst cattle. Every precaution was taken to prevent the disease spreading. The carcasses were burnt and the farm buildings whitewashed and disinfected.

WATER SUPPLY.

The Water supply of the district has been well maintained.

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS ACT.

Workshops under Inspection: Tailors, 2; Wheelwrights, 1; Blacksmiths, 13; Builder and Coffinmaker, 1; Carpenters and Joiners, 6; Blacksmith and Wheelwright, 1; Carpenters, 2; Wheelwrights, 2; Dressmakers, 5; Tailor and Draper, 1; Builder and Carpenter, 1; Bakers, 13; Bootmakers, 5; Painter, 1; Builder and Contractor, 1; Iron Roof Maker and Carpenter, 1; Laundries 4; Cattle Crib, &c., Maker, 1; Photographer, 1; Dress and Costume Makers, 2; Saddler, 1; Carpenter and Coffinmaker, 1. Total, 66.

No lists of Outworkers have been received by me. The register contains the name of one only, that of a Tailoress.

The workshops are visited regularly, and on the whole are kept clean and satisfactory; the few exceptions were soon remedied.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Over 68 special letters have been written with reference to Scarlet Fever cases and other matters, &c. The nuisance cases have been abated without legal prosecutions. There are only eight outstanding cases.

Trusting that in my capacity as Inspector of Nuisances and Inspector of Canal Boats I have given you satisfaction, and thanking you for your kind assistance and support in the discharge of my duties,

I have the honour to be, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

CHARLES STEADMAN,

Inspector of Nuisances.

